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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/206,040  
Filed: December 4, 1998  
Title: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules  
Associated with Plants**  
Applicants: Joseph R. BYRUM *et al.*  
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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136;
2. Response to Office Action mailed January 12, 2004;
3. a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 executed by Thomas J. La Rosa;
4. a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 executed by Vergel C. Concibido; and
5. Return postcard.

Applicants request that the \$950.00 fee for a three-month extension of time be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.137.

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In the event that extensions of time, other than those provided for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if additional fees are required in the present application, including additional fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.137. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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